

# Saweru language

**Saweru** is a Papuan language closely related to Yawa of central Yapen Island in Geelvink (Cenderawasih) Bay, Indonesia, of which it is sometimes considered a dialect. It is spoken on Serui Island just offshore.

Unlike Yawa, Saweru lacks an inclusive-exclusive distinction for the first person plural pronoun. Saweru has *amai* ‘we’, while Yawa has *ream* ‘we (exclusive)’ and *wam* ‘we (inclusive)’.<sup>[3]:553</sup>

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Saweru	
<i>Sarwar Use</i>	
Native to	Indonesia
Region	Cenderawasih Bay
Native speakers	(300 cited 1991) <sup>[1]</sup>
Language family	West Papuan ? <div> <div>▪<span> </span>Yawan</div> <div>▪<span> </span><b>Saweru</b></div> </div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	swr
Glottolog	sawe1240 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/linguoid/id/sawe1240">http://glottolog.org/resource/linguoid/id/sawe1240</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>

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